Wildlife Safari in Delhi

3370. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a wildlife safari and bird sanctuary are being set up in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no botanical garden in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the measures proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) State Government of Delhi has already notified the area of Asola and Bhatti as wild life sanctuary. No new sanctuary or wild life safari is proposed to be set up in Delhi.

(c) and (d) There is no Botanical garden in Delhi. However, the Government has decided to establish a Botanical garden in Noida.

Bhurc Lai Panel on Environment

3371. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) on which date the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority, commonly known as Bhure Lai Panel, was set up, together with its tenure, composition and terms of reference;

(b) whether the panel has since submitted its report to Government; if so, when and the details thereof;

(c) what action, if any, has been taken on the main recommendations of the report; and

(d) if answer to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor and by when the report is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority for the National Capital.Region (NCR) was set up on 29th January, 1998 with a tenure of two years consisting of the following persons, namely:—

1. Shri Bhure Lai, Chairman
2. Smt. Kiran Dhingra, Member
3. Shri Anil Agarwal, Member